



Montgomery County Council

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Statement by Council President Steve Silverman on State Decision on School Construction Funding

"The decision by the State Board of Public Works in Annapolis today on school construction funding is a slap in the face to Montgomery County students, parents, and teachers who are waiting for relief in overcrowded classrooms.

"Today's Board of Public Works' action to give a measly additional \$2.7 million to Montgomery County for school construction means the County received a grand total of \$9 million this year – even though we submitted nearly \$60 million in eligible projects.

"Overall state school construction funding totaled \$127 million – a continuation of Governor Ehrlich's failure to fund school construction and renovations.

"The Governor who said he would fully fund education has forgotten to provide monies for the schools these kids need to learn in."

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